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## INDICATIONS OF A CHANGE IN SINO-SOVIET POLICY TOWARD ASIAN-AFRICAN NEUTRALS

## Prospectus

There are increasing propaganda indications that the Sino-Soviet policy position in regard to Asian-African neutrals may be undergoing a major change. Such a change is suggested by: (a) claims that local communist parties are augmenting their strength and popularity relative to "national bourgeoisies" which Moscow admits were instrumental in the attainment of national independence; (b) manifest Arab communist willingness--publicized in bloc media--to take positions contrary to Nasir's ideology, and even in some cases to come into open conflict with Nasir; (c) increasingly sharp attacks on Nehru's policy and the progress of Indian internal reform.

The proposed study will examine these developments with the aim of defining the current Sino-Soviet doctrinal position. It will examine the propaganda for any indications of divergence between the Moscow and Peking lines. Where pertinent, it will survey bloc propaganda reaction to Tito's current tour of Asian countries and discuss Sino-Soviet objections to a "third force" bloc.

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